

The very bottome and the soule of Hope,
The very list, the very vtmost bound
Of all our Fortunes.

Dowg. Fayth, and so wee should,
Where now remains a sweet reuerſion,
We may boldly ſpend vpon the hope of what 'tis to come in,
A comfort of retirement liues in this.

Hot. A randeuous, a home to fly vnto,
If that the Diuell and miſchance looke big
Vpon the maydenhead of our affaires.

Wor. But yet I would your father had been heere:
The quality and heire of our attempt
Brookes no diuiſion, it will be thought
By ſome, that know not why he is away,
That wiſdome, loyalty, and meere diſlike
Of our proceedings, kept the Earle from hence:
And thinke, how ſuch an apprehenſion
May turne the tide of fearefull faction,
And breed a kinde of queſtion in our cauſe:
For, well you know, we of the offering ſide,
Muſt keepe aloofe from ſtrict arbitrement,
And ſtop all ſight-holes, euery loope, from whence
The eye of reaſon may prie in vpon vs:
This abſence of your Father drawes a curtaine:
That ſhewes the ignorant, a kinde of feare
B. fore not dreamt of.

Hot. You ſtaine too farre:
I rather of his abſence make this uſe,
It lends a luſtre and more great opinion,
A larger dare to your great enterprize,
Then if the Earle were heere: for men muſt thinke,
If we without his helpe, can make a head
To puſh againſt the Kingdome, with his helpe,
We ſhall, or turne it topſie turuie downe:
Yet all goes well, yet all our ioynts are whole.

Dowg. As heart can thinke, there is not ſuch a word
Spoke of in *Scotland*, as this dreame of feare.

Enter Sir Rich. Vernon.

Henry the Fourth.

Hot. My couſin *Vernon*, welcome by my ſoule.

Ver. Pray God my newes be worth a welcome, Lord.
The Earle of *Westmerland*, ſeuē thouſand ſtrong,
Is marching hitherwards, with Prince *John*.

Hot. No harme, what more?

Ver. And further, I haue learned,
The King himſelfe in perſon hath ſet forth,
Or hitherwards intended ſpeedily,
With ſtrong and mighty preparation.

Hot. He ſhall bee welcome too; Where is his Sonne,
The nimble-footed mad-cap, *Prince of Wales*,
And his Camrades, that daſt the world aſide,
And bid it paſſe?

Ver. All furniſht? all in Armes?
All plump like Eſtriges, that with the winde
Bayted like Eagles, hauing lately bath'd
Glittering in golden Coates like Images,
As full of ſpirit as the moneth of May,
And gorgious as the Sunne at Midſummer;
Wanton as youthfull Goates, wild as young Bulls:
I ſaw young *Harry*, with his Beuer on,
His Cuſhes on his thighes, gallantly arm'd,
Riſe from the ground like feathered *Mercury*,
And vaulted with ſuch eaſe into his ſeat,
As if an Angell dropt downe from the Cloudes,
To turn and winde a fiery *Pegaſus*,
And witch the world with noble Horſe-maniſhip.

Hot. No more, no more, worſe then the Sunne in
This prayſe doth nourish Agues; let them come,
They come like Sacrifices in their trim,
And to the fire-eyde mayde of ſmokie warre,
All hot and bleeding, will wee offer them:
The mayled *Mars* ſhall on his Altar ſit
Vp to the eares in blood. I am on fire
To heare this rich-reprizall is ſo nigh:
And yet not ours. Come let me take my Horſe,
Who is to beare me like a thunder-bolt,
Againſt the boſome of the Prince of Wales:

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